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PORT TO BENEFIT ENTIRE COUNTY

Chamber of Commerce Asks That Columbia County Citizens Study Well the Port Proposition—Advantages to be Derived.

Editor of the Mist:

Port organizations have been exceedingly successful in all parts of America. The city of Portland is a notable example. Her port organization enabled her to make a harbor 110 miles from the sea where she only had 12 feet of water. She has, through her port organization, obtained from Congress many millions for the mouth of the Columbia river. The people of Columbia county would have no right to complain, should they fail to organize the Port, if all the appropriations go to the Port of Portland and other ports and none to Columbia county.

It is desired to get appropriations from Congress for our harbor work. To get it the port must be organized and a commission appointed which can contract with the government. To get it the port must do exactly as Portland has done. Mr. James H. Polhemus, manager of the Port of Portland, recently stated in a public address at Rainier, that until such organization is perfected Congress does not make appropriations, and cited a large number of instances in port work in Oregon where that had been done.

The voters should realize that if they do not create the district in this election they can make their own laws in the district so created, hereafter. In other words, no bond issue, no ordinance, no important move can be made without their consent.

The powers granted by the Oregon laws to the Port of Columbia county are practically the same as are granted to the Port of Portland and other ports in the country, and we believe that the people of this county are just as competent to manage their own affairs as those of any other port.

The law provides that the inhabitants of the district shall be a corporation. Such corporation shall have perpetual succession and by the said name shall exercise and carry out the objects and corporate powers. It shall make contracts, hold, receive and dispose of real and personal property and do all other acts and things which may be requisite, necessary or convenient to carry out the objects of the act.

The commissioners are not the corporation, but the inhabitants constitute the corporation under the corporate name. The referendum, initiative and recall obtain with full force in the Port, and of course the commissioners are subject to recall; and laws can be initiated and referred to the people. If the commissioners should enact an ordinance not satisfactory to the people of Columbia county, they could order it referred to the voters at an election and the matter tested out. Therefore, the business of the Port of Columbia county would be in the hands of all the people of the county, and nothing could be "put over" on them.

The port could contract with the United States government for work to be done along the river, and the government would pay for it. One great trouble in the past has been the lack of any organized body which the United States government could deal with in Columbia county. There are port organizations at Portland, Astoria, Tillamook, Siuslaw, Newport, Toledo, Walport, Umpqua, Coos Bay, Bandon, Coquille River, and Port Orford. Are we to let these ports get all the money away from the United States government and we get nothing?

The port has full control of all the waters in its district; it has power to change wharf lines, make and change regulations for shipping, for the use and navigation of its waters and to remove obstructions from the harbor or waters and to punish violations.

If bonds are issued (and this is subject to the vote of the people), not more than six per cent interest can be charged. Bonds not to exceed ten per cent of the assessed valuation of the port can be issued. Now, here is where common sense tells us that the people of this county would not like a ten per cent bond issue. There is absolutely no need for it. What would we do with it? Who would vote it? Whether you have a bond issue of one mill or ten per cent, the question goes to all the people for their decision at an election.

It is hard to conceive at this time why there should be more than a one mill levy. That would increase your taxes but a little. The railroad companies who pay one-tenth of the taxes in the county are opposed to the port, and the lumber and timber companies who pay about one-half of the taxes would have about four-tenths of the mill to pay. A one-mill levy would raise \$13,000, and that is more than we have any use for now.

The products of the farmer, of the dairyman, of the timber man will be worth more if you have good facilities in the county. What are your products worth if you do not have reasonably good transportation facilities—the better the facilities the more you get in net profits. The making of a Port of Columbia county is increasing your facilities; is making it possible for business to be handled more economically; is making it possible to attract outside capital that will use our products and our labor; is making it possible for Columbia county to be placed on a par with other communities. It means a growth in our life. We can

IRRIGATION DEVELOPS EASTERN OREGON

"Father of Oregon Irrigation" Says Eastern Oregon is Developing

"The land in Eastern Oregon is just as good as any land outdoors," said W. W. Caviness of Vale, Oregon, who was here Wednesday, "and all it needs is water. We have just completed the Warm Springs Irrigation project which will irrigate some forty thousand acres of land which lies around Vale and in a few years these thousands of acres will be bearing big crops of grain and alfalfa."

Mr. Caviness came down from his home in Vale this week and has been spending several days in Portland on business matters. He ran down to St. Helens to renew acquaintances with several old time friends.

When assured that Columbia county would go strong for Robert Stanfield for United States senator, Mr. Caviness was highly gratified. He has known "Bob" since the senatorial candidate was a "little boy in knee pants." The Stanfield and Caviness families lived on adjoining farms in Umatilla county, and Mr. Caviness saw Bob grow from boyhood to manhood. "There's not a squarer man in Oregon and one who would do better work for Oregon than Bob Stanfield and I hope the people of Oregon will send him to Washington as their representative," Mr. Caviness said.

Mr. Caviness is a life member of Advance Lodge 105 K. of P. of Vale, and while he was in St. Helens, paid a fraternal visit to Avon lodge, K. of P.

SCAPPOOSE HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The students of the high school are appreciating the new commercial department, as most of the students are enrolled in this course. Classes in shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, and commercial law are now organized. A class in penmanship will be started soon, also special work in penmanship in the grades will be organized. The department will make its own desks and offices in manual training, and will soon be able to give a thorough course in practical business. This work will be conducted as in actual business, with as much of the actual equipment as can be secured. There will be managers in charge of department and stenographers to carry out their work. A bank with some fixtures, as is usually found in a bank, will be established.

The commercial department is very popular with the students, and particularly those who expect to go into office work. For the first time in two or three years, the high school has organized a student body. This is destined to be of great value to the students as it will create a better school spirit and do a great deal to cooperate their interests and undertakings. The officers elected at the first meeting were: president, Josephine Koutek; vice-president, Inez McKay; secretary, Clara Haugerud, and treasurer, Irving Erickson. A committee with James Watts as chairman, is busy drawing up a constitution. This is at for just a start, but you'll hear more from us later.

In order to make room for the new typewriters the library has been moved into the office. Students have been busy the past week recataloging and arranging the shelves. The library now consists of over 1200 volumes of reference books and fiction and the school intends to add new books to this collection. An attempt is being made to organize a literary society, the purpose of which is to have "all sorts of fun," and to bring the community and the school closer together. On Friday evening, Oct. 15th, the first program will be given in the school house. This is to be an all school program and will consist of recitations, drills, singing and demonstrations in touch typewriting and shorthand. All are urged to come, admission absolutely free.

Thad Young, who sells the Monopoly brand of goods for Wadhams & Kerr Bros., was in St. Helens Thursday. Thad has been covering the Lower Columbia districts, but noting the growth of St. Helens, prevailing on his company to let him work St. Helens.

sit back and watch other communities increase in size, wealth and importance, and then wonder why more people do not come here, why more industries are not attracted to Columbia county. Every good main and cross road constructed marks an era of development; the organization of the Port of Columbia county will mark another big era in our development.

We have been helping the Red Cross, the Armenians, the Y. M. C. A. and other worthy organizations, but all of it has taken money out of the county. Now, for just once, let us put our thought, energy, time, enthusiasm and money into something that will help you and me. Let us pull together for the good of Columbia county and later reap the benefits of our far sighted action.

The manager of the Port of Portland also stated in his public address that in some of the counties where two ports had been organized to serve particular portions of one county, they were now beginning to consolidate as they found their interests were identical and much better results could be secured by a combined effort of their interests. Therefore, if the Port of St. Helens, a Port of Rainier, a Port of Clatskanie were to be organized as individual ports, it would be only a matter of time when these ports would be combined and the entire county made one large port as is contemplated by the Port of Columbia county.

ST. HELENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"The Melancholy Days Are Here. The Saddest of All the Year"



SHORT INTERVIEWS ON VARIOUS TOPICS

Interesting Little Talks by St. Helens People and Others on Subjects of Varying Interest to Public.

A. B. Lake—Several St. Helens democrats admitted to me a few weeks ago prospects for democratic success were not cheerful. They say now that there is no justification for despair and their chances are better. It reminds me of the story of the man who fell from the top of a skyscraper. He was passing the fifteenth story window. "So far," he remarked, "I am all right."

Ben Copeland—When I shot and killed that China rooster, I didn't know he had only one leg. I don't see why hunters don't shoot at the head or body of the pheasants instead of clipping off a leg. The one-legged rooster was flying when I shot him.

J. H. (Duke) Wellington—The sea waves told me it was time to get back home and get in my winter wood and coal. I have bought my wife a nice little ax.

N. O. Larabee—I believe the road from the top of the hill down to the old Milton Creek logging camp will last another two weeks, that is if the rains keep coming. The road was completed about a month ago.

Commissioner Judson Weed—I have waited for forty-five years for a good road from the Nehalem-St. Helens and when the Pittsburg-St. Helens road is completed and the farmers and residents of the Nehalem can come to the county seat without having to travel fifty unnecessary miles, it will be a cause of rejoicing with me.

County School Superintendent J. B. Wilkerson—The County Teachers' institute which will be held next week will be instructive and interesting, and I am in hopes that each teacher attending will receive great benefit.

Lloyd Riches, secretary of the Oregon State Editorial association, says, "I believe the good people of Columbia county, with their evident prosperity and ambition for achievement, will do nothing to endanger the continued advancement of their magnificent county. And therefore I am confident they will, almost to a vote, register a negative vote against the freak 5 per cent interest rate amendment when they realize that its passage will not mean cheaper money, but, on the other hand, will mean the withdrawal of invested capital and a virtual financial quarantine of Oregon." Mr. Riches was in St. Helens Tuesday on his way about the state on the campaign of education he is conducting against the vicious measure.

PORT OF COLUMBIA TO BE DISCUSSED

There will be another meeting at Rainier on Tuesday, Oct. 19th, for the purpose of more fully discussing the proposed Port of Columbia project. The meeting will be held in the M. E. church at 8:45 p. m. and everybody is invited to attend. Lunch will be served at 75 cents per plate. Among the speakers who will address the meeting will be Representative Hawley, Major Park, of the U. S. engineer service, and Senator Jones. There will also be local speakers. Come out and get some inside information on the port question.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIE COMING SUNDAY

Will Lay Cornerstone of New Catholic Church—Public Invited to Witness Impressive Ceremony—In Renowned Orator.

His Grace, Archbishop Christie, renowned as an orator and as the greatest Catholic missionary bishop of Oregon, will be here Sunday to lay the cornerstone of the new Catholic church.

The ceremony, which is impressive, commences at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The stone itself is a beautiful piece of Oregon granite, handsomely engraved and carved. It will be set on a platform by Mr. Kettel, the builder, so that it can be slipped into place easily at the proper moment. As stated last week this copy of the Mist, the Rainier Review and the Oregonian, together with the names of donors and persons of prominence in the nation, state, diocese and city, will be placed in a copper box and sealed up in the stone.

The Archbishop will appear in the purple robes of a prelate of the Catholic church. He will be assisted by several clergy including Father Clancy, the pastor and builder. The newly organized and capable choir will render two selections composed in the 2nd century in Latin, and on in English.

Father Clancy invites the people of St. Helens and of the whole county in general to attend the ceremony. Such an event has never before been witnessed in this locality and, undoubtedly a large crowd will turn out to see it.

Several speakers, including the eloquent Archbishop, will deliver short addresses. Mayor Saxon will preside. Supreme Justice McBride was on the program but was obliged to withdraw his name on account of a pressing case in Spokane. In his letter, he said, in part: "I regard such a building as one more bulwark against the forces of evil and as a rallying point for morality and Christian civilization. In this view I congratulate you on your success in obtaining the means to begin the construction of your new building, to the erection of which I hope to contribute a 'poor man's mite' later."

After the ceremony a luncheon will be spread at the St. Helens hotel in honor of the Archbishop.

K. OF P. DELEGATES RETURN FROM MEET

Edison I. Ballagh, grand prelate of the Grand Lodge, K. of P. E. C. Laws and Frank George, delegate to the grand lodge from Avon lodge K. of P. and Mrs. A. J. Deming, delegate to the Pythian Sisters, returned from Marshfield Thursday morning.

The session of the grand lodge started Tuesday morning and adjourned Wednesday evening. The people of the Coos Bay country treated the visiting delegates royally and each and every delegate had a pleasant visit notwithstanding the inclement weather. There were about 500 Knights and Pythian Sisters in attendance.

The grand lodge adopted much constructive legislation. One of the measures adopted and which will be of interest to K. of P. members throughout the state was the raising of the initiation fee from \$15 to \$25.

The membership of the Knights in Oregon is 10,980 which is an increase of 1878 over the previous year. Jack Clark of Portland was chosen as grand chancellor.

PORTLAND PAPER BOOSTS PORT PROJECT

Oregon Journal Believes That Port Proposition Should Carry

In a recent issue the Oregon Journal had the following pertinent comment relative to the proposed Port of Columbia county:

On the ballot at the November election in Columbia county there will be a proposal to the voters to authorize organization of the port of Columbia county with a president, secretary and five commissioners.

It is a measure that the people of Columbia county owe it to themselves to adopt. The port is an organization through which they can get a hearing before the United States government. Representing the organized body of the entire county, a port organization can speak with authority to the government and can in turn have the confidence of those who, in congress or otherwise legislate for or administer the government of the United States.

For a long time, private individuals have been keeping the way open to the main river channel at St. Helens, Rainier and Clatskanie. The government took no account. If there had been a port organization money spent by individuals would, under present policy have been "matched" 50-50 with United States money.

There are 52 miles of water front in Columbia county, and there is no organized body to plan a policy for it, or to intelligently improve it, or to appeal to the United States engineers for use of government dredges. Keeping the way open from the several ports to the main river channel. There is even no public authority to keep open the way for river boats to reach the landings in the agricultural districts.

Japanese ships and British freighters have recently taken cargo in whole or in part at St. Helens. The conditions have become such that the timber, agricultural, fruit and other interests of Columbia county should have a means through which to present their needs for government assistance to the congress and to the other authorities of government.

It can only be done effectively through such a port organization as is to be voted on in Columbia county in November.

PORT NEEDS ARE DISCUSSED

The people of Rainier, St. Helens, Clatskanie and other portions of the county discussed the proposed Port of Columbia county at a dinner given by the Rainier Commercial club last Friday evening. There has been considerable demand for enlightenment on this subject, and Rainier invited the rest of the county to participate in a presentation of this important question.

Mr. Frank M. Warren, president of the Port of Portland, was present and stated that Columbia county would make no mistake in supporting the Port of Columbia county; that the time was at hand for the people of the county to pull together and improve our water transportation facilities as it would materially lessen freight rates, and this in turn would make our products net us greater profits. He also cited the cooperation between port bodies and the United States government. This was supplemented with a talk by Mr. James H. Polhemus, manager of the Port of Portland, who has had much practical experience with the small ports in Oregon. He stated that without a port organization it was practically impossible to secure government aid, and that the port bodies in Oregon on the Pacific ocean the government had matched the funds raised by the ports. He further said that in some counties two separate port organizations had been formed, but now they were learning that a mistake had been made and consequently are taking steps to combine the ports of single counties into one body.

Hon. Judson Weed, county commissioner from Vernonia, stated that while it would never be possible to have a harbor in the Nehalem country, he was heartily in favor of anything that was for the good of the county, and he was making further study of the port question. Judge Martin White, E. I. Ballagh and Charles L. Wheeler also spoke in favor of Columbia county taking the forward step and adopt methods that had been successfully tried by other counties in handling port problems. They also pointed out that the problems in this county are minor ones and that the amount of money necessary would be very little, and that if we could get a one-mill levy (which would raise \$13,000) that would be sufficient, as no doubt the government would match the funds raised. Judge A. L. Clark, of Rainier, was of the opinion that the movement had been started too early, and that probably we would not need a port organization for five or ten years. Mayor Reid stated that if Rainier felt sure that industries would locate there he would then favor the port; and sentiments along similar lines were voiced by Norman Merrill and O. J. Evenson, of Clatskanie.

More information was desired, and the eighty people present by a standing vote asked that arrangements be made to hold a point meeting in Rainier on Tuesday, October 19th, to further discuss the question. Hon. W. C. Hawley and Major Park, chief of the U. S. engineers of Portland, will be present at that time and discuss the question.

On the K. of P. special train which brought the delegates back from Coos Bay, a straw vote was taken. E. I. Ballagh was one of the tellers and the result was: Harding, 84; Cox 29 For U. S. senator, Stanfield 63, and Chamberlain 33.

HUSBAND'S LOVE VALUED AT \$25,000

Mrs. Elsie Hanson Files Suit Against Mrs. Ada McCartney Adams for Alienating Affections of Plaintiff's Husband.

Because Mrs. Ada McCartney Adams used wiles and wrongful influence on her husband Clyde Hanson, Mrs. Elsie Hanson has brought suit against Mrs. Adams. The complaint sets forth that during the months of September and October, 1920, the defendant on divers times in Deer Island and also in the city of Portland and elsewhere, contrived wickedly, unjustly and intending to injure the plaintiff and to deprive her of the affections, comfort, society, fellowship and assistance of the plaintiff's husband, Clyde Hanson, and did wrongfully, wickedly and maliciously, plan and undertake to alienate the affections of the plaintiff's husband.

Money Balm Is Asked. The plaintiff asks that in view of the fact that she has been disgraced by the actions of the defendant and the plaintiff's husband, that she be awarded \$25,000 actual damage and \$2,500 exemplary damages. The demand for the amounts mentioned is based on the fact that the wrongful acts of the defendant has deprived the plaintiff of the "affection" of her husband, deprived her of the fellowship of said husband and brought disgrace to the plaintiff.

The Mist understands that Mrs. Adams, when she learned papers were to be served on her, left for some town other than Deer Island, but the sheriff's office is positive that the papers will be served shortly. If the case comes to trial, sensational developments are expected.

BALLOT MEASURES TO BE DISCUSSED

The "S. O. S. (save our state)" is the designation which has been applied to the flying squadron of speakers who are covering the state under the auspices of the State Taxpayers' league speaking in favor of the market commission bill, the divided session amendment and against the 5 per cent interest rate bill. They will address an audience in this city on Friday evening, Oct. 23, at 8 p. m. at the city hall.

The Market commission bill is designed to give the farmers of the state aid in establishment of co-operative marketing organizations. It is intended in this way to lower the spread between what the consumer pays and what the producer gets.

The bill is patterned after the California market commission bill which has done more for the prosperity of that state than any other piece of legislation. It spells prosperity for the farmer and prosperity for the state at large.

It is agreed that passage of the 5 per cent interest rate bill will mean utter ruin to the state of Oregon. It means commercial paralysis. It means instead of 5 per cent money, no money at all.

The divided session amendment is intended by its framers to do away with the jamming of bills through the legislature during the closing hours of the sessions. It will provide publicity for bills that the voters may know what is being written up on the statute books before they become laws.

Among the speakers who will be here at the meeting on Friday, October 23 are Judge George W. Stapleton, of Portland, Judge John S. Coke of Marshfield, W. F. Woodward of Portland, Otto Hartwig, president of the State Federation of Labor, C. E. Spence, master of the state grange, Colonel Harris Weinstock, former market director of California, Frank J. Loneragan of Portland, Oswald West of Portland, Hector MacPherson of Oregon Agricultural college, Daniel J. Malarkey of Portland, and Robert E. Smith, president of the Title & Trust Co., Portland.

It is hoped that the citizens of St. Helens and surrounding country will turn out in force to hear these able speakers discuss measures which are all important to the people of Columbia county.

CONSULT THE DIRECTORY

A stranger in St. Helens, and many come here every day, may want to consult a dentist, a physician, a sign painter, a mechanic. The man living in the country or in St. Helens, might have lived here a year or more and not had occasion to use the services of any of the profession mentioned, but when he needs them he needs them bad.

The business and professional directory published in the Mist gives the information that is wanted. That's the reason it is published. There's no such information in the telephone directory.

If you are a physician, a lawyer, a dentist, a contractor, a plumber or a professional man of any kind, you cannot afford to be without your name in the

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any more than you can afford an office without your name on your window or door—any more than you can afford to mail letters or bills without your name on the letterhead or bill head.

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